

MRS. C. P. CULVER.

APRIL 24, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRICE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6768.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Mrs. C. P. Culver, have had the same under consideration, and report the same to the House with the accompanying bill for her relief.

It appears from the papers presented with the memorial that the claimant was employed during the Forty-fifth Congress by Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, by direction of that committee, to translate, for the use of the committee, a German work of which the title in English is, "Money; a study in national economy." The translation seems to have been submitted to the House December 18, 1878, and recommitted to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and ordered to be printed. It is H. Mis. Doc. No. 8, Forty-fifth Congress, third session. The claimant presented her account for making the translation to the Committee on Accounts of the Forty-fifth Congress, and that committee declined to allow the account because the service had not been authorized by the House. The translation covers 168 pages of the pamphlet, and the charge for it is at the rate of \$5 per page. This is about the usual charge for such work.

Although the translation was not originally authorized by the House, the Committee on Claims are of opinion that the order of the House directing the translation to be printed as one of its documents was in substance a ratification of the employment of Mrs. Culver under the circumstances before stated, and an acceptance of the results of her labor. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

